

September 8, 2020

Council Chambers  
Vigo County Annex  
Terre Haute, Indiana

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Brad Anderson, Judy Anderson and Brendan Kearns

**Others Present:** County Attorney Michael Wright, Auditor James Bramble, Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk, Tammy York-Allen, Larry Robbins, Kevin Gardner, and Jeremy Snowden.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

President Brad Anderson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then turned the meeting over to County Attorney Michael Wright.

**Potential Approval of Contract for Highway Equipment – Vigo County Engineer.** County Attorney Michael Wright stated that the first item on the agenda concerned the acquisition of a 2019 Gradall D152. The Highway Department has had this equipment for a period of time to test it out. The acquisition price is \$259,260.80. Larry Robbins, County Engineer, was present to talk about this acquisition. The Highway Department is trying to get some more equipment to eliminate down time for repairs, etc. and get more work done. The Gradall that this would be replacing is in the shop for repairs now more than it is on the road and jobs are not getting done. Quotes have been received from Old National Bank and First Financial Bank regarding financing. Old National Bank provided the lowest quote. They will be providing paperwork for financing in the coming weeks but approval of the sales order, which is being sought here today, is the first step in that process. A detailed discussion followed. Judy Anderson made a motion to approve the sales order. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

**Consideration of Participation in Payroll Tax Deferral Program – Vigo County Commissioners.** Mr. Wright then discussed the Payroll Tax Deferral Program made available by the President of the United States. In guidance from the State Board of Accounts, it was made clear that employers have the option of opting out of the program. To be clear, this is not a program that forgives any taxes but only defers them for repayment next year. It had been discussed that since all county employees had been paid their regular rate of pay during the entire COVID 19 public health emergency, and based on the guidance from the State Board of Accounts and the fact that this could become a bookkeeping nightmare, it was recommended that the County opt out of the tax withholding program. Brendan Kearns made a motion that the County opt out of the tax withholding program. Judy Anderson seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

**Consideration of Acquisition of Body Scanner – Vigo County Community Corrections.** In response to the public health emergency, Vigo County Community Corrections has looked at a body scanner in order to cut down on person-to-person contact when trying to maintain

security in the building. The body scanner is \$149,000.00 which includes installation, shipping, and training. The same unit is already in the Vigo County Jail and Knox County has just recently had one installed. Mr. Watson with Community Corrections had asked Mr. Bramble, the County Auditor, to check with Indiana Finance Authority to see if this acquisition could be claimed/paid for under the Cares Act. Upon checking, it was discovered that it was an appropriate expenditure to be covered. Upon discussion, it was determined that Community Corrections had the money to do it but needed approval to go ahead from the Commissioners. These funds would need to be expended first in order to be reimbursed by the Cares Act. It was also noted that Commissioner Kearns had made the suggestion to the Juvenile Justice Center that they should also explore acquisition of this same system. It was pointed out that the security element was a bonus but one of the main reasons for this piece of equipment is that it shows body temperatures. Plus it could also be submitted for reimbursement under the Cares Act. Brendan Kearns made a motion to move forward with the acquisition of the scanner for Community Corrections. Judy Anderson seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

**Review of Minutes/Claims.** Auditor James Bramble presented regular meeting minutes for August 25, 2020 for approval. Judy Anderson moved to approve the minutes. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

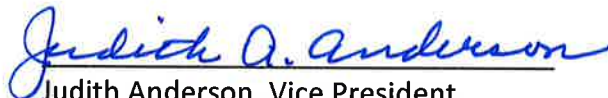
Auditor James Bramble then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of August 22, 2020 through August 28, 2020 in the amount of \$1,401,442.90 and for the period August 29, 2020 through September 4, 2020 in the amount of \$461,330.89 plus payroll in the amount of \$987,084.09 for a total amount of \$1,448,414.98. Judy Anderson moved to approve the claims. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

**Comment from Public or other Vigo County Representatives.** Commissioner Kearns advised that he had talked with Building Inspection to find out how many properties were being mowed throughout the county. There are 60 properties currently being maintained by the County. A short discussion followed.

There being no further business, it is now ordered the Board be adjourned at 9:25 a.m.



Brad Anderson, President



Judith Anderson, Vice President



Brendan Kearns, Secretary

Attest.



James Bramble, Auditor